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Mr. Steve Kahl, Deputy Refuge Manager
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1547 County Route 565
Sussex, NJ 07451

Dear Mr. Kahl:

On June 24, 2008, I conducted an aerial detection survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge. Approximately 5.4 acres of light defoliation (30-50 %) and 0.7 of an acre of heavy defoliation (51-100%) were detected (Figure 1).

If you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2009, please contact Brad Onken (304) 285-1546 or me (304) 285-1555 before August 22, 2008.

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,

RODNEY L. WHITEMAN
Forester
Forest Health Protection

Enclosure

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Figure 1. -- Results of the aerial detection survey at the Walkill River National Wildlife Refuge on June 24, 2008.

